THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) No, Sir. At the time of setting up of Bokaro Steel Plant the production capacity was fixed at 1.7 million tonne.

(b) to (d). Do not arise in view of (a) above.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The decision to expand Bokaro Steel Plant to 4.0 million tonne has already been implemented, and the project was completed in November, 1990.

Introduction of Dikshabhoomi Express

977. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received any representations for introducing "Dikshabhoomi Express" train on the occasion of 'Nirwan Diwas' and 'Diksha Diwas' of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). Some representations have been received in this regard including from Shri Banwarilal Purohit, M.P. and Shri S.S. Hussain, Commissioner, Nagpur Division for introduction of 'Dikshabhoomi Express' between Nagpur and Gaya. The proposal has been examined but not found feasible due to operational constraints.

[English]

Mini Telephone Exchanges

978. SHRI SYDAIAH KOTA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of telephone connections required for mini telephone exchanges in rural areas;

(b) whether the Government propose to set up mini telephone exchange; and

(c) if so, the details thereof State/location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) As per the policy of the Department a Mini Telephone Exchange is planned to be set up when the registered paid demand reaches 10 or more.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House

Revenue Collection

979. SHRI T. GOPAL KRISHNA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is an alarming difference in revenue collection in different zones;

(b) if so, whether wasteful haulage, inefficient utilisation of wagon capacity, ticketless travel/pilferage in areas of Bihar, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh are the main causes of such differences;

(c) if not, the facts in this regard; and

(d) the steps the Government intends to take to arrest this revenue loss in some zones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Figures of total earnings for the last four years are given as under :

(Rs. in crore)

Railway	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Central	2700.04	3117.61	3280.58	3568.02
Eastern	1862.33	2123.93	2364.14	2544.47
Northern	2702.92	3085.05	3289.89	3807.62
N.E.	428.29	453.47	479.48	589.12
N.F.	347.15	356.73	387.96	422.23
Southern	1024.18	1184.81	1322.38	1541.02
S.C	1528.44	1760.70	1893.15	2158.36
S.E.	2930.36	3364.45	3851.82	4286.19
Western	2485.08	2807.84	3202.35	3565.76
Metro/Calcutta	4.38	4.03	5.02	11.70
Total	16013.17	18258.62	20076.77	22494.49